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	In A Distributed File System	§		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment prior to the calculation of fees and the initial examination of the present continuation above-identified patent application under 1.53(b) in which the parent case 09/628,571 survives.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 18 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 21 of this paper.